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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 18 September 2006

Security Council

9.30 a.m. — 5527th meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

10.30 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Lebanon)

Other matters

3 p.m. — 5528th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2006/728)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 7th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

3–6 p.m. — 8th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [56 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

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(b) Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.1 and A/61/L.2)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)	

Special ceremony

On *Monday, 18 September 2006*, at 9.45 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the forty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace. The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, in the Visitors' Lobby outside the Meditation

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other meetings

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Monday, 18 September 2006

Rio Group (meeting of national coordinators)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Rio Group (meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

OIC Group: Extended Executive Committee (at the level of Heads of State or Government)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly: Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Monday, 18 September 2006

2006 Bending the Arc Summit (co-organized by the African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser for Africa (UNOSAA) and the African Business Round Table (ABR))

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Camilla Schippa, UNFIP (tel. 1 (212) 963-3441; e-mail schippa@un.org).]

Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNECA, UNESCAP and UN-OHRLLS)

From 8.30 to 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All participants are kindly reminded to be seated by 8.15 a.m. For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348; e-mail silvern@un.org).]

LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP) (First basement foyer)

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt International Disability Award to Poland

At 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

[The President of the Republic of Poland H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczynski, will accept the Award presented by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and the World Committee on Disability. All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Monday, 18 September 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m.	Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (on progress and challenges facing the world's 50 least developed countries, midway through the Brussels Programme of Action)
Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
1 p.m.	Dr. Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, Executive President, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Business Group, and Chairman, African Business Round Table; Prof. Firmino Mucavele, Chief Executive, NEPAD; Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Adviser on Africa (on the 2006 Bending the Arc Summit)
1.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

9–10 a.m.	9th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	[56 (a)]

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

11 a.m. 10th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/61/1) [102]
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa
5. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
6. Address by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

3 p.m. 11th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States
3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia
4. Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, President of the Swiss Confederation
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
11. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez, President of the Republic of El Salvador

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Aima, President of the Constitutional Republic of Bolivia

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay

17. Opening of the general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanović, President of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

Address by His Excellency Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Address by Her Excellency Ms. Teima Onorio, Vice-President of the Republic of Kiribati

Launch of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

4 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] A letter of invitation has been sent by fax to all Permanent and Observers Missions to the United Nations.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977J; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/61/L.1[1].

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

[1] To be issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on *Monday, 18 September 2006*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on *Monday, 18 September 2006*. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly will be issued in document A/C.5/61/L.1.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Committee (room S 2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

Bangkok, 18–22 September 2006

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council decision 2004/304 of 23 July 2004, the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 22 September 2006. *On Monday, 18 September 2006, the registration for participants will begin at 8 a.m., and the official opening of the Conference will be at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.*

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Conference has been issued in document E/CONF.97/1. In preparation for the Conference, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information available on the following Web site: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/17thunrccapdocuments.htm>.

Delegations are advised that all meeting documents, including country report papers and technical papers received before the opening of the Conference, will be posted on the above Web site. The participants are also requested to print their own copies of papers from the Web site and bring them to the conference room. For participants from countries that experience difficulties with Internet access, please advise the United Nations Secretariat in advance so that paper copies can be made available during the Conference upon request. Requests of technical and substantive nature can be addressed to Mr. Amor Laaribi, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3042; fax 1 (212) 963-9851; e-mail laaribi@un.org).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

General debate (19–22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel.: (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Side events -- High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Tuesday, 19 September 2006 (First basement foyer)

LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP)

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNCTAD)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAID — Official launching of the International Drug Purchase Facility (organized by the Heads of State and Government of Brazil, Chile, France, Norway and the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 19 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization, which will host UNITAID, will be signed on this occasion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (tel. 1 (212) 372-2648; e-mail bfilho@delbrasonu.org); or Mr. Laurent Pic (tel.1 (212) 702-4966; e-mail laurent.pic@diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Enforced disappearances — Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Small Group Meeting

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3.45 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

High-level Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Panel discussion on "The education of girls in the developing world" (organized by the United States Mission)

Monday, 25 September 2006, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 14 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

4th plenary meeting

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Mr. Popane Lebesa, Minister for Public Works and Transport of Lesotho; H.E. Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs of Australia; H.E. The Honourable Nicholas Goche, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare of Zimbabwe;

H.E. Mr. Ali Abdulla Ali Mohd Al-Kaabi, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of United Arab Emirates; H.E. Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India; H.E. Mrs. Aisha Abdel Hady, Minister of Manpower and Migration of Egypt; H.E. Mrs. Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour of Lithuania; H.E. The Honourable Michael Browne, Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Gender Affairs, Non-Governmental Organizations' Relations, Local Government and Persons with Disabilities of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Jean de Dieu Somda, Minister of Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso; H.E. Ms. Barbro Holmberg, Minister for Migration of Sweden; H.E. Ms. Alicia Muñoz, Minister of Government of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Manpower of Singapore; H.E. Mr. Garba Lompo, President of the Human Rights Commission of Niger; H.E. Mr. Hamid Awaluddin, Minister of Law and Human Rights of Indonesia; H.E. Mrs. Emilia Maslarova, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria; H.E. The Honourable Dato's Seri Mohd Radzi Sheikh Ahmad, Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherbao, Minister of the Interior of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Ali S.J. Errishi, Secretary of Expatriate, Immigrant and Refugee Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. The Honourable Doug Shane Gibson, Minister of Immigration, Labour and Training of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of International Development of Norway; H.E. Mr. Athauda Seneviratne, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. Ze'ev Boim, Minister of Immigrant Absorption of Israel; H.E. Mr. Paul Antoine Bohoun Bouabré, Minister of State, Minister of Planning and Development of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. The Honourable Albert Kan Dapaah, Minister of the Interior of Ghana; H.E. The Honourable Ralph Fonseca, Minister for Home Affairs and Public Utilities of Belize; H.E. Mr. Jean Généus, Minister for Haitians Living Abroad of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Nicholas Schmit, Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Sergiy Rudyk, Minister, Head of the Committee on Nationalities and Migration of Ukraine; H.E. The Honourable Tarsis Bazana Kabwegyere, MP, Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Juma Alifa Ngasongwa, Minister for Planning Economy and Empowerment of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mrs. Aigul Ryskulova, Chairperson of the State Committee on Migration and Employment of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Zhazbeck Abdiyev, Vice-Minister and Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Hans Winkler, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Austria; H.E. Ms. Marta Altolaguirre, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem, Senior Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Kiyohiko Toyama, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. João Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal; H.E. Mrs. Judit Fazekas Lévaynè, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Hungary; H.E. The Honourable Teopolina Mushelenga, MP, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration of Namibia; H.E. The Honourable Delano Franklyn, Minister of State for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica; and H.E. Mr. Isikia Rabiei Savua, Chairman of the Delegation of Fiji.

Round table 1

Effects of international migration on economic and social development

The Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of the United Kingdom, China, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Belgium, France, Australia, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay, Kuwait, South Africa, Germany, Malaysia, Paraguay, Zimbabwe and Lesotho; the observers of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Ibero-American Conference; the representatives

of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and the World Bank; as well as the representatives of the International Conference of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), Manpower Inc. and the International Center for Policy Studies, OSI/HESP Academic Fellowship Program.

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs summarized the discussions of the round table.

Round table 2

Measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants, and to prevent and combat smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Francisco Lainez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of Austria, Belize, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Kazakhstan, the Gambia, Poland, Lithuania, Colombia, Italy, Ecuador, Sweden, Belarus, the United Arab Emirates, Slovenia, Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Brazil, Turkey, Cuba and Côte d'Ivoire; the observer of the Observer State of the Holy See; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; the representatives of the Commonwealth Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); as well as representatives of the Migrant Rights International, the Catholic Migration Commission, and the Indigenous Peoples African Coordinating Committee.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights summarized the discussion of the round table.

Friday, 15 September 2006

Security Council

5525th meeting

The situation in Africa

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Egeland.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, France, Congo, Denmark, China, the United States, Slovakia, Argentina, Japan, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Peru and Qatar, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Greece.

Mr. Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

5526th meeting *The situation in Myanmar*

Letter dated 15 September 2006 from the Representative of the United States addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/742)

Before the agenda was adopted, the representatives of China, Qatar, and the United States made statements in connection with the provisional agenda.

The President put the provisional agenda to a vote.

Decision: The provisional agenda received 10 votes in favour, four against (China, Congo, Qatar and the Russian Federation) and one abstention (United Republic of Tanzania).

The agenda was adopted.

The meeting was suspended.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

5th plenary meeting The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. the Baroness Royall, of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom; H.E. Mr. Paolo Ferrero, Minister of Social Solidarity of Italy; H.E. Ms. Mary Wallace, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture of Ireland; H.E. Mrs. Consuelo Rumi, Secretary of State for Migration of Spain; H.E. Mr. Luis Paolo Barreto, Deputy Minister of Justice of Brazil; H.E. Mr. Wieslaw Tarka, Deputy Minister of the Interior and Administration of Poland; H.E. Mr. Alejandro Borda, Vice-Minister of Multilateral Political Affairs of Colombia; H.E. Mr. Leonardo Franco, Vice-Minister for Latin American Affairs of Argentina; H.E. Mr. Joris Demmink, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Victor Filistovich, Vice-Minister of Interior of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Jorge Lázaro, Vice-Minister for Peruvian Communities Abroad of Peru; H.E. Mr. Emilio Giménez Franco, Vice-Minister for Economic Affairs and Integration of Paraguay; H.E. The Honourable Richard Msowoya, Minister of State in the Office of the President of Malawi; H.E. Mr. Albert Agossou, Minister Delegate to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Charge of African Integration and the Diaspora of Benin; H.E. Mrs. Rosario Graciano de los Santos, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Mr. Eissa Maldoun, Deputy Minister for Labour Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Asgar Alakbarov, Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mrs. Ana Eugenia Duran, Vice-Minister of Government and Policy of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Jose Mandra, Vice-Minister of the Interior of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Carlos López, Under-Secretary on Migratory Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; H.E. The Honourable Germán Espinal, Director-General of Migration of Honduras; H.E. Ms. Belela Herrera, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay; H.E. Mr. Zvonko Zinrajh, State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Interior of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Gagik Yeganian, Vice-Minister for Territorial Administration of Armenia; and H.E. Mr. Ngoso Chisupa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Zambia.

6th plenary meeting The summary of the 6th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/180).

Round table 3

Multidimensional aspects of international migration and development, including remittances

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Kastriot Sulka, Deputy Minister of Labour, Welfare and Equal Opportunities of Albania, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of Yemen, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Armenia, Denmark, Pakistan, New Zealand, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Tonga, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Samoa, Somalia, Norway, Ireland, Spain, El Salvador, Mexico, Qatar, the Niger, Switzerland, Barbados, Mali, India, Nepal, Ukraine and Bangladesh; the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; the representatives of: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as the representatives of AFFORD (United Kingdom), the Federation of Kenyan Employers (Kenya) and the Migrant Forum in Asia (Philippines).

The Chairman summarized the discussion of the round table.

Round table 4

Promoting the building of partnerships, and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices at all levels, including the bilateral and regional levels, for the benefit of countries and migrants alike

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Jean-François Ndongou, Minister Delegate to the Ministry of State and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Francophonie and Regional Integration of Gabon, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of Morocco, Algeria, Canada, Thailand, the Russian Federation, the Bahamas, Botswana, Indonesia, Israel, Argentina, Tunisia, Japan, the United States, the United Republic of Tanzania, Portugal, Hungary, Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Immigration and Development Conference (PIDC)), Finland, Egypt, Jamaica and Chile; the observers for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); the representatives of: the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)); as well as the representatives of the Jamaican Federation of Employers, the Global Youth Action Network, Mexico, and the private sector.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and Development summarized the discussion, after which the Chairman made concluding remarks.

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Committee on Conferences
Substantive session

480th meeting — *Adoption of the report* — [8]

The Rapporteur made a statement. Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, China, France, Kenya, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

The Committee adopted its draft report and thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

The Committee then concluded its substantive session for 2006.

Corrigenda

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Corrigenda to the summary of the 1st meeting of the General Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/178, pp. 14-15):

(a) The text under "Item 41" *should read* as follows:

Item 41

The representative of Uganda made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that item 41 be considered jointly with item 158, and that statements be limited to two speakers in favour of and two speakers against, and that the length of statements be limited to six minutes per statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Haiti, China, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Chile, Guinea, Nepal, Iraq, Kuwait, Indonesia, Cameroon, Bhutan, Colombia and Zimbabwe.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

The General Committee adopted the proposal by the representative of Uganda and proceeded accordingly.

(b) The text under "Item 42" *should read* as follows:

Item 42

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that statements be limited to two speakers in favour of and two speakers against, and that the length of statements be limited to six minutes per statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, China, Iraq and Nigeria.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of the GUAM Group) and the Republic of Moldova.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Armenia, at her request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Armenia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 42 in the agenda of the sixty-first session.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of International peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 38, 41 and 42.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement establishing the African Development Bank done at Khartoum on 4 August 1963, as amended by resolution 05-79 adopted by the Board of Governors on 17 May 1979. Lusaka, 7 May 1982

Withdrawal of the declaration made upon acceptance: Norway (13 September 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Communication to the reservation made by Egypt upon ratification: Canada (14 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004

Ratification: Portugal (14 September 2006)[1]

Food Aid Convention, 1999. London, 13 April 1999

Accession: Poland (15 September 2006)[1]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Accession: Poland (15 September 2006)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Poland (15 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Poland (15 September 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Ratification: Poland (15 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Signature: Belgium (15 September 2006)

Signature: Chile (15 September 2006)

Signature: Poland (15 September 2006)

Signature: Uruguay (15 September 2006)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Colombia (15 September 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

The Treaty Event will continue at Headquarters on Tuesday, 19, and Wednesday, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

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A/CN.10/PV.274	Meeting held on 17 April 2006, 3 p.m. [A E S]

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A/61/323	Item 55 (a) of the provisional agenda — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [A C E F R S]
A/61/332	Item 106 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 7 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/339–S/2006/732	Item 13 of the provisional agenda — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 12 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/2006/728	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan [A C E F R S]
S/2006/730	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) [A C E F R S]
A/61/339–S/2006/732	Identical letters dated 12 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/736	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2006/740	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the deputy and alternate representatives of Japan on the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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S/AC.43/2006/2 Note verbale dated 22 August 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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Committee for Programme and Coordination Forty-sixth session

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Item 8 — Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-sixth session — Draft report — Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Pre-session working group Thirty-seventh session

CEDAW/C/COL/Q/6 List of issues and questions for the consideration of periodic reports — Colombia [A C E F R S]

CEDAW/C/KAZ/Q/2 List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the periodic reports — Kazakhstan [A C E F R S]

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High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

9–10 a.m. 9th plenary meeting ..... General Assembly Hall

Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: draft resolution (A/61/L.2) ..... [56 (a)]

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11 a.m. 10th plenary meeting ..... General Assembly Hall

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3. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa
5. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
6. Address by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

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3 p.m. 11th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States

3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

4. Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, President of the Swiss Confederation

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

11. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Aima, President of the Constitutional Republic of Bolivia

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay

17. Address by His Excellency Mr. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan

18. Opening of the general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanović, President of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by Her Excellency Ms. Teima Onorio, Vice-President of the Republic of Kiribati

Launch of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[1]

4–6 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note*: Due to time constraint, there will be no list of speakers. Delegations who wish to speak should raise their country's sign at the event and are kindly requested to keep their statement as brief as possible, preferably not to exceed 3 minutes.]

[1] A letter of invitation has been sent by fax to all Permanent and Observers Missions to the United Nations.

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)

Other meetings

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Arab Group (at the ministerial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (joint meeting of Second and Fifth Committee delegates)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Tuesday, 19 September 2006

United States Round Table on Democracy, convened by H.E. Mr. George W. Bush

At 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

United States Round Table

At 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of [the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNCTAD)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

First basement foyer:

LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP)

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

UNITAID — Official launching of the International Drug Purchase Facility (organized by the Heads of State and Government of Brazil, Chile, France, Norway and the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Secretary-General)

At 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization, which will host UNITAID, will be signed on this occasion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (tel. 1 (212) 372-2648; e-mail bfilho@delbrasonu.org); or Mr. Laurent Pic (tel.1 (212) 702-4966; e-mail laurent.pic@diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

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Room S-226

10 a.m.	H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
3.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan
4.30 p.m.	H.E. Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama
3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives
7. Continuation of the general debate [8]

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

   Address by His Excellency Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Address by His Excellency Mr. Esteban Lazo Hernández, Vice-President of the Republic of Cuba

United Arab Emirates

Cape Verde

3 p.m. 13th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, President of the Republic of Guatemala**
2. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic**
3. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe**
4. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic**
5. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin**
6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania**
7. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia**
8. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Palacio, President of the Republic of Ecuador**
9. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea**
10. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania**
11. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe**
12. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**
13. Continuation of the general debate [8]

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Adnan Terzić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

    Kuwait

    Israel

    Belgium

    Uganda

    Yemen

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/61/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly will be issued in document A/C.5/61/L.1.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Committee (room S 2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

General debate (19, 22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

OIC Open-ended Working Group on United Nations Reform (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Meeting of Senior Officials of the Human Security Network (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Bojana Cipot, Permanent Mission of Slovenia (tel. 1 (212) 370-3007).]

Group of 77 (Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the President of the Court

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming activities

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Enforced disappearances — Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Small Group Meeting

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3.45 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

High-level Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Round table on "Women's role in combating desertification", on the occasion of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (2006) (organized by IFAD and UN-OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the West Terrace, Room 6 (4th floor of the United Nations Building).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org); Ms. Dorothy Davis (e-mail diasporantouch@aol.com); or Ms. Xenia Von Lilien-Waldau (tel. 1 (212) 963-0546; e-mail x.vonlilien-waldau@ifad.org or ifad@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The education of girls in the developing world" (organized by the United States Mission)

Monday, 25 September 2006, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:

From 1 to 2.30 p.m.: Panel discussion;

From 3 to 4 p.m.: Discussion groups on "Arts education of girls in the developing world", "The education of girls in the developing world within an Islamic context" and "The responsibility of Governments in the education of girls in the developing world"; and

From 4.30 to 5 p.m.: Wrap-up session.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 15 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

6th plenary meeting

The General Assembly first heard the summaries of the deliberations of three of the four round tables by H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland; H.E. Ms. Margarita Escóbar, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; and H.E. Mr. Kastriot Suika, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Equal Opportunities of Albania.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Hassan Mohammad Lawal, Minister of Labour and Productivity of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Walter Fust, Director-General of the Swiss Development Corporation of Switzerland; H.E. Mr. Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister, Citizenship and Immigration of Canada; H.E. Ms. Ellen Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugee and Migration Affairs of the United States; H.E. Mr. Kastriot Sulka, Vice-Minister of the Ministry for Work, Social Affairs and Equal Chances of Albania; H.E. Mr. Hassan Ibrahim Al-Muhannadi, Director of the Social Planning Department of the Planning Council of Qatar; H.E. Mr. Yannis Valinakis, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. Mrs. Mari Pedak, Director-General of the Citizenship and Migration Board of Estonia; H.E. Mr. Carlos Zamora Rodríguez, Director of Consular Affairs and Cubans Living Abroad of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Chairman of the Delegation of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mr. Luis Alberto Sepúlveda, Director Consular and Migration Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mr. Ewald Limon, Chairman of the Delegation of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Eduardo Sevilla Somoza, Chairman of the Delegation of Nicaragua; H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, Chairman of the Delegation of Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Guy Serieys, Chairman of the Delegation of France; H.E. Mr. Julian Vila Coma, Chairman of the Delegation of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Choi Young-jin, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea; and Ms. Caroline Ziadé, Chairman of the Delegation of Lebanon.

The General Assembly heard the summary of the deliberations of the fourth round table by H.E. Mr. Jean-François Ndongou, Deputy Minister to the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Francophonie and Social Integration of Gabon.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tat Thanh, Chairman of the Delegation of Viet Nam; H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini, Chairman of the Delegation of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Amir Muharemi, Chairman of the Delegation of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Yusupha Kah, Permanent Secretary, Department of State for the Interior of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya, Chairman of the Delegation of China; H.E. Mr. Alexei Tulbure, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania, Chairman of the Delegation of Georgia; H.E. Mrs. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Chairperson of the Delegation of Tonga; H.E. Mr. Collin Beck, Chairman of the Delegation of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Andreas Mavroyiannis, Chairman of the Delegation of Cyprus; H.E. Mr. Dusan Bella, Chairman of the Delegation of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Chairman of the Delegation of Angola; H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke, Chairman of the Delegation of Belgium; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Chairperson of the Delegation of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Sohail Hernández, Chairman of the Delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Madhu Raman Acharya, Chairman of the Delegation of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson, Chairman of the Delegation of Iceland; H.E. Mr. Javad Amin Mansour, Chairman of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Diallo, Chairman of the Delegation of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Abdulla Al Araimi, Chairman of the Delegation of Oman; H.E. Mr. Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem Mohamad, Chairman of the Delegation of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Atoki Ileka, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Sesay, Chairman of the Delegation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Pascal Gayama, Chairman of the Delegation of Congo; H.E. Mr. George Olago Owuor, Chairman of the Delegation of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Delegation of Senegal; and H.E. Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See.

Statements were also made by H.E. Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio, Chairmen of the Delegation of the International Organization for Migration; H.E. Mrs. Florence Mugasha, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; H.E. Dr. Raymond Forde, Vice-President of International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; H.E. Mr. Robert Shafer, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; H.E. Mr. Luis Da Fonseca, Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries; H.E. Mr. Fernando Valenzuela, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the European Community; Dr. Halima Sa'adia Kassim, Deputy Programme Manager, Gender Affairs and Caribbean Community Development, Carribean Community; H.E. Sir John Rumet Kaputin, Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; H.E. Mr. Enrique Iglesias, Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Conference; H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Garson, Head of Non-Member Economies and International Migration Division of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; H.E. Mr. Gottfried Zürcher, Director-General of International Center for Migration and Policy Development and H.E. Mr. Ridha Bouabid, Counsellor of the Delegation for Peace, Democracy and Human Rights of the International Organization of la Francophonie.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

Monday, 18 September 2006

Security Council

5527th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 18 September 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5527th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

"A briefing was made pursuant to rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan."

5528th meeting *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2006/728)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pronk.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Argentina, France, the United States, Denmark, the United Republic of Tanzania, Peru, Japan, China, Slovakia, the Russian Federation, the Congo, Ghana and Qatar and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Greece.

Mr. Pronk responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

7th plenary meeting *Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries* [56 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

(b) Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)

(c) Draft resolution (A/61/L.2)

The President of the General Assembly declared open the High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, held in accordance with Assembly resolutions 59/244 and 60/228 and decision 60/556.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, Head of State of the Republic of Benin

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin and Chairman of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

Address by H.E. Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Head of State of the Republic of Maldives

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of the Maldives.

Address by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Head of Government of the Independent State of Samoa

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Finance of the Independent State of Samoa.

Address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Address by H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndingi, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndingi, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Sato Kilman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vanuatu; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt (on behalf of the African Group); H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Mr. Rudolph Insanally, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group); H.E. Mr. Moctar Ouane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali; H.E. Mr. M. Morshed Khan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; and H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

8th plenary meeting The summary of the 8th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/181).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 18 September 2006

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, Thailand

1st meeting *Opening of the Conference* [1]

Mr. Peter Holland (Australia), temporary President, opened the Conference and made welcoming remarks.

Opening statements were made by Mr. Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division (on behalf of the Secretary-General), and Mr. Pathom Yamkate, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand.

Election of the President and other officers of the Conference [2]

The Conference elected Mr. Peter Holland (Australia) as President, by acclamation.

The Conference then elected, by acclamation, Mr. Li Weisen (China) as Vice-President and Mr. Yaguchi Akira (Japan) as Rapporteur.

Organizational matters [3]

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

The Conference adopted the provisional rules of procedure for the session, as contained in document E/CONF.97/2.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

Following the statement by the Secretary, the Conference adopted the provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/CONF.97/1, as corrected.

(c) Establishment of technical committees and election of the chairmen and other officers

The Conference established the following three technical committees and elected their Chairmen by acclamation: *Committee I:* Geographical Information System and remote sensing for disaster management (Chairman: Mr. Sohn Bong-Gyun (Republic of Korea)); *Committee II:* Spatial data infrastructure capacity-building and their development in Asia and the Pacific (Chairman: General Gopal Rao (India)); and *Committee III:* Geospatial fundamental data, including their collection, management and dissemination (Chairman: Mr. Rudolf Matindas (Indonesia)).

(d) Organization of work

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CONF.97/1.

(e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

The President made a statement.

Objectives of the Conference [4]

The representative of the Statistics Division made a statement.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific [5]

The President of the Conference, in his capacity as President of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific, made a statement and introduced the report contained in document E/CONF.97/3.

Statements were also made and reports were introduced by the Chairmen of the Working Groups of the Permanent Committee on GIAP as follows: Prof. Pengfei Cheng (China), Chairman of Working Group 1 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.1); Mr. Gholan Reza Fallahi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of Working Group 2 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.2); Prof. Ian Williamson (Australia), Chairman of Working Group 3 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.3); and Mr. Cho Wu Sug (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chairman of Working Group 4 (E/CONF.97/3/Add.4).

Comments were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Fiji, Canada and Germany, to which the presenters responded.

Organization of work

The President and the Secretary made statements.

2nd meeting *Conference reports* [6]

(a) Reports on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific

The representative of the Statistics Division made a statement. A statement was made by the representative of Australia.

(b) Country reports

The President drew the attention of the Conference to documents E/CONF.97/5/CRP.1 to CRP.15 submitted under the sub-item and made a statement.

Invited papers [7]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and heard a presentation by a keynote speaker, Mr. Craig Williams, representative of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.1). Questions were posed by the representative of Canada and by the President of the Conference, to which the representative of OCHA responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. Milan Konecny, President of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.2).

A presentation was made by Prof. Stig Enemark, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.3). A question was posed by the representatives of Australia and Canada, to which Prof. Enemark responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. Bas Kok, Chair of Legal and Economic Working Group, Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (E/CONF.97/6/IP.4). A question was posed by the representative of Australia and the representative of International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS).

A presentation was made by Prof. Fraser Taylor, Chairperson of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.5). Questions were posed by the representatives of Australia and the United Kingdom, to which Prof. Taylor responded.

A presentation was made by Prof. John Trinder, First Vice-President of ISPRS, (E/CONF.97/6/IP.6). A comment was made by the representative of Germany.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

The Treaty Event will continue at Headquarters *today*, 19, and *tomorrow*, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 18 September 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/PV.88	Meeting held on 6 October 2006, 4 p.m. [R]

General Assembly	Documents
	Sixty-first session
A/61/173/Corr.1	Item 55 (a) of the provisional agenda — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 — Report of the Secretary-general [A C E F R S]
A/61/266	Item 78 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/272	Item 50 (a) of the provisional agenda — Macroeconomic policy questions — International trade and development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/277	Item 52 (b) of the p.ovisional agenda — Sustainable development: follow-up and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/336–S/2006/731	Item 19 of the provisional agenda — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 12 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/346	Item 54 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development — Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.2	Item 56 (a) — Group of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — One-Power draft resolution — Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/61/L.1	Organization of work of the Second Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
A/61/336–S/2006/731	Letter dated 12 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/742	Letter dated 15 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/746	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative and deputy representative of Peru on the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5525	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5526	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2006/36	Information circular — Additional arrangements for admission to the premises at United Nations Headquarters during the general debate of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, 19 September through 29 September 2006 [E F (only)]
ST/IC/2006/37	Information circular — Post adjustment classification for New York [E]

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to Ms. Sylvie Deschênes (e-mail journal@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4790; room S-2370; tel. 1 (212) 963-6776 and 963-3888).

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Security Council

10.30 a.m. — 5529th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

   Report of the Secretary-General on a regional-global security partnership: challenges and opportunities (S/2006/590)

   Letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2006/719)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. — 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama

3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives**

7. Continuation of the general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy

Address by His Excellency Mr. Milo Djukanovic, President of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

Address by His Excellency Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Address by His Excellency Mr. Esteban Lazo Hernandez, Vice-President of the Republic of Cuba

Qatar

3 p.m. 13th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, President of the Republic of Guatemala**

2. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Nestor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic**

3. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe**

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernandez Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Palacio, President of the Republic of Ecuador

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Adnan Terzić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Kuwait

Israel

Belgium

Uganda

Yemen

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

Organization of work (A/61/250, A/C.2/61/1 and A/C.2/61/L.1)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 20 September 2006

OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Meeting of Senior Officials of the Human Security Network (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (Joint meeting of Second and Fifth Committee delegates in preparation of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting *Economic and Social Council Chamber*

Rio Group (meeting with the Republic of Korea)

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Arab Group (at the ministerial level)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Enforced disappearances — Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

From 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Small Group Meeting

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Room S-226

10.30 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Alexander Downer, Miniser for Foreign Affairs of Australia; H.E. Mr. Bernard Bot, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; and others (on the Ministerial Meeting of the Friends of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty)
11 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.45 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
2.45 p.m.	H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
4 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Aima, President of the Constitutional Republic of Bolivia

Conference Room 4

2 p.m.	Middle East Quartet principals

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 21 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

4. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Émile Lahoud, President of the Lebanese Republic**

5. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique**

6. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

7. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi**

8. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar**

9. **Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada**

10. **Address by His Excellency Mr. José Sócrates, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic**

11. **Address by His Excellency The Honourable Ralph Gonzalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

12. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould Boubacar, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania**

3 p.m. 15th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of Comoros

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Albert Pintat, President of the Principality of Andorra

5. Continuation of the general debate [8]

   Lesotho

   Samoa

   Slovakia

   Mongolia

   Sierra Leone

   Republic of Korea

   Japan

Russian Federation

Netherlands

Australia

Spain

Egypt

Mali

Palestine

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 25, to Friday, 29 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-7855); fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly will be issued in document A/C.5/61/L.1. The allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee will be issued as document A/C.5/61/1.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Committee (room S 2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold its informal meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Monday, 25 September 2006, in Conference Room 5, and on Friday, 29 September, in Conference Room C.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 230th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 29 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420H; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund and of the United Nations Children's Fund

Informal consultation

An informal consultation on the progress report on joint UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF consultations towards harmonized results-based budgeting will take place on Tuesday, 26 September 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

General debate (19–22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 (Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Fifth Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers (convened by the Commonwealth Secretariat)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tania Tupou, Commonwealth Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 599-4425; e-mail comsec@onecommonwealth.org).]

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

From Tuesday, 26, to Thursday, 28 September 2006 in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Faehndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail faehndrich@un.org).]

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 27 September 2006, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the President of the Court

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming activities

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High-level Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Round table on "Women's role in combating desertification", on the occasion of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (2006) (organized by IFAD and UN-OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the West Terrace, Room 6 (4th floor of the United Nations Building).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org); Ms. Dorothy Davis (e-mail diasporantouch@aol.com); or Ms. Xenia Von Lilien-Waldau (tel. 1 (212) 963-0546; e-mail x.vonlilien-waldau@ifad.org or ifad@un.org).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, 21 September 2006, from 3.45 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

Inter-Ministerial Committee of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Friday, 22 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Panel discussion on "The education of girls in the developing world" (organized by the United States Mission)

Monday, 25 September 2006, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium:

From 1 to 2.30 p.m.: Panel discussion;

From 3 to 4 p.m.: Discussion groups on "Arts education of girls in the developing world", "The education of girls in the developing world within an Islamic context" and "The responsibility of Governments in the education of girls in the developing world"; and

From 4.30 to 5 p.m.: Wrap-up session.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Briefing on the reports before the Third Committee under agenda sub-items 61 (a) (Advancement of women) and (b) (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Tuesday, 26 September 2006, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 18 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

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(c) Draft resolution (A/61/L.2)

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Juma Ngasongwa, Minister for Planning, Economy and Empowerment of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Antonio Fernando, Minister of Industry and Trade of Mozambique; H.E. The Honourable Anand Sharma, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Seydou Bouda, Minister of Economic Development of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Patterson Oti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Senior Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Jean Max Bellerive, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Haiti; H.E. The Honourable Dado' Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Eltigani Yousif Fidail, Minister of Economic Development of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway; H.E. Mrs. Marie Goreth Nizigama, Minister of Planning of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Zhaoxing Li, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Mr. Chhay Than, Senior Minister, Minister of Planning of Cambodia; H.E. Mrs. Patrizia Sentinelli, Minister Delegate for Development Cooperation of Italy; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Dr. Abdullah Gül, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Victor Manuel Barbosa Borges, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. The Honourable George Chaponda, MP, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development of Malawi; H.E. Mr. Lamin Kaba Bajo, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Fawzi Salloukh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Alberto Romulo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. Ms. Hawa Ahmed Youssouf, Vice-Minister in-charge of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti; H.E. Mr. Sorajak Kasemsuvan, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Leire Pajin, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain; H.E. Mr. Todor Tchurov, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; H.E. The Honourable Semakula Kiwanuka, Minister of State for Investment, Ministry of Finance of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Ishrat Hussain, Chairman of the National Commission for Government Reforms of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Sesay, Vice-Minister of Development and Economic Planning of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Renaldo Bolivar, Deputy Minister for Africa of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Baghirath Basnet, Acting Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Boroze Tchaa Lasigaisi,

Counsellor of the Economic Planning Minister of Togo; H.E. Mr. Hideki Ito, Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. Pierre Chevalier, Chairman of the Delegation of Belgium; Ms. Nicole Ruder, on behalf of Mr. Walter Fust, Director-General of the Agency for Development and Cooperation of Switzerland; Mr. John Hewko, Vice-President, Millennium Challenge Corporation of United States; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Chairperson of the Delegation of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Youssef Amrani, Director-General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; Mr. Ahmed Alyahya, Director for Research, Saudi Development Fund of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Arjan Paul Hamburger, Chairman of the Delegation of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Jamal Nasser Al-Bader, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar; H.E. Mr. Nikolay Chulkov, Chairman of the Delegation of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Anders Lidén, Chairman of the Delegation of Sweden; H.E. Ms. Fauzya Moore, Chairperson of the Delegation of Canada; H.E. Mr. Robert Hill, Chairman of the Delegation of Australia; H.E. Ms. Lucia Maierá, Chairperson of the Delegation of Brazil; Mrs. Manuela Fereira, Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Aly Diane, Chairman of the Delegation of Guinea; Mr. José Alberto Briz Gutiérrez, Chairman of the Delegation of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Flavio González Pérez, Chairman of the Delegation of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Salihu Ahmed-Sambo, Chairman of the Delegation of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani, Chairman of the Delegation of the Niger; H.E. Mr. Mohamed El-Mabruk, Chairman of the Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; and H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Observer State of the Holy See.

Statements were also made by Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio, Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration; Mrs. Florence Mugasha, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat; H.E. Mr. Angel Carro Castrillo, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the European Community; and The Honourable Anne Makinda, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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The representative of Norway made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.2.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.2 (resolution 61/1).

The representative of Benin made a statement after adoption.

The President made a closing statement.

The Assembly thus concluded the High-level meeting and this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 56.

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10th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/61/1) [102]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Opening of the general debate

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, as in previous sessions, that there would be a time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

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Address by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

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Address by H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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Address by H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

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Address by H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

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11th plenary meeting — The summary of the 11th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/182).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, Thailand

3rd meeting — *Invited papers* [7]

The Conference continued its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement.

A presentation was made by Prof. Olaf Magnus Ostensen, Chairman of ISO/TC211 (E/CONF.97/6/IP.7).

A presentation was made by Mr. Bebas Purnawan, PCGIAP Task Force coordinator, Agency for Surveys and Mapping (BAKOSRUTANAL) (Indonesia) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.8). Comments were made by the representatives of Canada and Australia, to which Mr. Purnawan responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Altaf Musani, Regional Adviser Emergency Preparedness Action, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (E/CONF.97/6/IP.9). Questions were posed by the representatives of Australia and Cyprus, to which Mr. Musani responded. The President also made a comment.

Presentations were made by Mr. Kemueli Masikerei, Chairman, PCGIAP Pacific Islands Group, Fiji (E/CONF.97/6/IP.10); Mr. Luis Alegria, Vice-president of PC-IDEA (E/CONF.97/6/IP.11); Prof. Ian Williamson, University of Melbourne, Australia (E/CONF.97/6/IP.12); Colonel Chaiwat Prom Thong, Royal Thai Survey Department (E/CONF.97/6/IP.13); Mr. Shigeru Matsuzaka, Geographical Survey Institute, Japan (E/CONF.97/6/IP.14); and Mr. Samad Hj. Abu, Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia (E/CONF.97/6/IP.15).

4th meeting

Invited papers [7]

The Conference continued its consideration of the item.

A presentation was made by Mr. Chaerul Hafidin, BAKOSRUTANAL (E/CONF.97/6/IP.16). Questions were posed by the representatives of Germany and Australia, to which Mr. Hafidin responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Bill Shepherd, Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.17). Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Cyprus, Canada and Germany, to which Mr. Shepherd responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Kazuo Ohta, Associate Senior Engineer, Earth Observation Research Center, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA/EORC) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.18). Questions were posed by the President of the Conference and the representative of Germany, to which Mr. Ohta responded.

A presentation was made by Dr. Steeve Ebener, Project manager, SALB WHO (E/CONF.97/6/IP.19). Comments were made and questions were posed by the President of the Conference and the representative of Canada, to which Mr. Ebener responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Kartlos Edilashvili, World Agency of Planetary Monitoring and Earthquake Risk Reduction (WAPMERR) (E/CONF.97/6/IP.20). A question was posed by the representative of Germany, to which Mr. Edilashvili responded.

A presentation was made by Mr. Wu Guoxiang of ESCAP (E/CONF.97/6/IP.21). A question was posed by the representative of ISPRS, to which Mr. Guoxiang responded.

Presentations were made by Mr. Jesper Moller, DevInfo Project Management UNDG (E/CONF.97/6/IP.22) and by Ms. Elizabeth Seamen, Ordnance Survey, United Kingdom (E/CONF.97/6/IP.23).

Organization of work

The President made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 19 May 1956

Accession: Azerbaijan (18 September 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Maldives (19 September 2006)[1]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Accession: Ukraine (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Ukraine (19 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Indonesia (19 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004

Signature: Denmark (19 September 2006)

Signature: Switzerland (19 September 2006)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Switzerland (19 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Signature: Australia (19 September 2006)

Signature: Netherlands (19 September 2006)

Signature: Spain (19 September 2006)

Signature: Switzerland (19 September 2006)

Signature: Tunisia (19 September 2006)

Signature: Ukraine (19 September 2006)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, New York, 23 November 2005

Signature: Madagascar (19 September 2006)

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Madagascar (19 September 2006)

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Proposal of corrections to the Chinese text of Annex I of the Agreement

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

The Treaty Event will continue at Headquarters *today*, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 September 2006.

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A/61/251	Agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/255/Add.1	Items 46, 110, 114, 115, 120, 121, 130, 145 and 148 of the provisional agenda — Integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Human resources management — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara — United Nations reform: measures and proposals — Investing in people — Report of the Secretary-General — Reforming the Field Service category: Investing in meeting the human resources requirements of United Nations peace operations in the twenty-first century [A C E F R S]
A/61/257/Add.3	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Consultants and individual contractors — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/259	Item 66 (a) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/268	Item 52 (b) of the provisional agenda — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/271–S/2006/666	Item 71 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/346*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/61/271–S/2006/666	Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/738	Letter dated 13 September 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/743	Twelfth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5527	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5528	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters **Second session**
E/C.18/2006/4	Proposal for amendments to article 5 of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

	Documents
	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women **Pre-session working group** **Thirty-seventh session**
CEDAW/C/TJK/Q/3	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the periodic reports — Tajikistan [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2006/38 Information circular — Pensionable remuneration for staff in the Professional and higher categories and for staff in the Field Service category [E]

Communications to the Editor

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